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Barbarism with a Human Face. Bernard-Henri Levy. Harper & Row. \$10.

No doubt this is a *livre d'occasion*, but it is a dazzling rather than plodding one even if its passion aims at unmasking illusions rather than at hopefulness. The liberation promised by socialism is a delusion, its practice is oppression, power is an inevitable reality not a historical contingency: these themes are carried along in a style more flood-like than analytic, but worth the ride.